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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
SHINICHI HARA, ET AL.) : Examiner: Not Assigned
Application No.: 09/818,625) : Group Art Unit: 2851
Filed: March 28, 2001) :
For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS, GAS) June 28, 2001
REPLACEMENT METHOD, :
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)
MANUFACTURING METHOD, :
SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING) FACTORY, AND EXPOSURE :
APPARATUS MAINTENANCE)
METHOD :
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

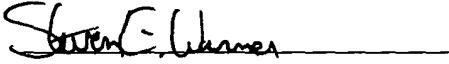
Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

Applicants request that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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